

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 and 28-79 were pending when last examined. Claims 24-27 were canceled and claims 1-23 were withdrawn. With this Response, Applicants have canceled claims 28-79, and added new claims 80-125. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendment can be found at least in FIGS. 1-5 and the corresponding description in the specification.

In the action of December 29, 2005, the Examiner stated that claims 28-79 were directed to a non-elected subject matter. Applicants have cancelled claims 28-79 to be pursued in a divisional application.

The Examiner also characterized claims 28-79 as being “drawn to a method comprising receiving a first description describing content in a first multimedia object, the first description including a first identifier and a reference to a group of multimedia objects and receiving a description about the group of multimedia objects wherein the description about the group includes a group identifier that identifies the group.” Applicants respectfully note that only claims 28-43 are directed to a method that includes those steps. Claims 44-79 recite different methods, systems, and computer program products.

New Claims

Applicants have added new claims 80-125. Applicants respectfully submit that the new claims are directed to the elected subject matter and are allowable over the prior art.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the Application, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (415) 772-7493.


No additional fees are required for this amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1597.

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